GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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GAIL OPTIC FIBRE PROJECT
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-report captioned `Roits delay GAIL optic fibre project` apprearing in the Hindustan Times dated April 17, 2002;

(b) if so, whether Delhi-Mumbai optic fibre cable project has been delayed by a month;

(c) if so, the cost over run as a result of such delay; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to complete the project within the stipulated time frame?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Although the recent disturbances in Gujarat affected the Delhi-Mumbai Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) project of GAIL in Bharuch-Surat Section, there is no cost over-run in the Project.

(d) GAIL has completed the Delhi-Mumbai OFC Project in April, 2002.